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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ELAB, FJ

SUBJECT: FIJI DOCK STRIKE

REF: A) SUVA 0849, B) SUVA 0851

1. THE FIJI WATERSIDER'U AND SEAMEN'S UNION YESTERDAY (JULY 13) REVERSED A MORNING DECISION TO END STRIKE AND CONTINUE ARBITRATION EFFORTS AFTER ARREST OF SEVENTEEN SEAMEN ABORAD NEW ZEALAND FLAG SHIP NGAHERE. THZ MEN REFUSED TO ALLOW MASTER OF SHIPPTO FOLLOW PORT AUTHORITY OF FIJI ORDERS (GOF DIRECTIVE AND MOVE SHIP TO ANOTHER BERTH AT LAUTOKA IN ORDER TO ALLOW THE LOADING OF MORE THAN 14,000 TONS OF SUGAR ON THE CAPE SABLE DESTINED FOR DELIVERY TO SINGAPORE.

2. THE SEAMEN ARRESTED WERE NEW ZEALAND, UK, NAURU, AND NIUE CITIZENS. THEY WILL BE BROUGHT BEFORE LAUTOKA MAGISTRATE ON JULY 18. REQUEST FOR BAIL HAS BEEN TURNED DOWN ON SIXTEEN OF THE MEN. POLICE BOARDING VESSEL HAD TO  
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RESORT TO USE OF TEAR GAS WHEN THEY MET WITH VIOLENT RESISTANCE.

3. LATEST WORD IS THAT CAPTAIN OF THE CAPE SABLE (BRITISH FLAG) IS HESITANT TO BERTH AT SUGAR WHARF AT LAUTOKA FOR FEAR OF REPRISALS AGAINST HIS SHIP.

4. GOF HAS MADE NO STATEMENT ON INCIDENT.

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